

SENATE BILL No. 299

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-14.

Synopsis: Military women and women veterans program. Establishes the Hoosier military women and women veterans program to provide information and services to Indiana's military women and women veterans.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]:
4 **Chapter 14. Hoosier Military Women and Women Veterans**
5 **Program**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "coordinator" refers to the**
7 **Hoosier military women and women veterans coordinator**
8 **designated under section 8 of this chapter.**
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
10 **Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by**
11 **IC 10-17-1-2.**
12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director**
13 **of veterans' affairs.**
14 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "military women" means women**
15 **who are serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United**
16 **States.**



1 **Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Hoosier
2 military women and women veterans program established by
3 section 7 of this chapter.

4 **Sec. 6.** As used in this chapter, "women veterans" means women
5 who:

- 6 (1) served in the armed forces of the United States; and
7 (2) were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

8 **Sec. 7.** The Hoosier military women and women veterans
9 program is established within the department.

10 **Sec. 8.** The director shall designate a coordinator who is
11 responsible for the administration of the program under the
12 direction and supervision of the director.

13 **Sec. 9.** The program has the following purposes and duties:

- 14 (1) Perform outreach to improve military women's and
15 women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal and state
16 veterans' services and benefits.
17 (2) Assess the needs of military women's and women veterans
18 with respect to benefits and services.
19 (3) Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives
20 designed to address or meet the needs of Indiana's military
21 women and women veterans.
22 (4) Make recommendations to the director to improve benefits
23 and services for military women and women veterans.
24 (5) Incorporate military women's and women veterans' issues
25 in strategic planning concerning benefits and services.

26 **Sec. 10.** The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
27 implement this chapter.

